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APPLICANTS : Stephen Cate, et al.
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TITLE : METHOD AND MEANS FOR FILLING NATURAL CASING SAUSAGES

Group/A.U. : 3643
Examiner : Richard Thomas Price, Jr.
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Applicant elects to pursue Group I, claims 1-6, 17, 18 and 22-24 in this application.

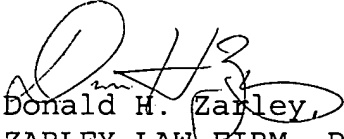
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